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Ellicott City making important progress in recovery from historic flooding

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – A week removed from a devastating flooding that damaged much of Main Street Ellicott City, the county continues to help residents and merchants as they make progress in their recovery efforts.

Residents, business owners and property owners are being allowed to get inside their homes for a clean-up day Sunday, Aug. 7, from noon to 8 p.m. The clean-up day is intended to allow residents and owners to remove trash and debris from their properties.

“To begin cleaning out properties tomorrow is an important step and we have worked so hard to make the site both safe and reasonably accessible,” said Kittleman. “I can’t thank everyone enough for their patience and effort to make it this far.”

In other recovery news:

The Disaster Assistance Center has served 102 residents and 96 businesses. At least 14 displaced residents found temporary housing through the center. It is a “one-stop shop” where residents, business and property owners can get information about agencies and organizations that can offer assistance with recovery. The center will continue its weekend hours between 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7, located in the Ellicott City 50+ Center, 9401 Frederick Road.

The Howard County Office of Workforce Development will conduct a job fair on Monday, Aug. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Disaster Assistance Center on Frederick Road.

There are still 25 vehicles remaining at Centennial High School. These vehicles must be removed by owners or insurance companies before 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. Vehicles remaining at the school after Sunday will be towed to an impound facility and stored at the owner’s expense. A total of 224 vehicles have been released.

Support agencies no longer have the capacity to accept, store or distribute physical donations. From this point forward, those who wish to donate should do so monetarily through one of the following organizations: Ellicott City Partnership (www.HelpEllicottCity.com), Community Action Council of Howard County (www.cac-hc.org), United Way (www.uwcm.org/ecstrong) While there are certainly other legitimate organizations accepting monetary donations, using one of the above three avenues guarantees your donations will get where you intend.

A comprehensive resource list regarding recovery efforts can be found at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/ECStrong-Recovery-Resources>.

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